

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

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5 4. (Currently Amended) An oil filter adapted adapter for attachment to the
externally threaded filtered oil tube extending outwardly from an oil filter receptacle of
an automotive engine which normally threadably receives the internally threaded
10 filtered oil outlet at one end of a standard oil filter canister with the one end thereof
having a canister O-ring or gasket provided thereon, the adapter enabling a
replacement oil filter canister to be substituted for the standard oil filter canister with
one end of the replacement oil filter canister having a canister O-ring or gasket
provided thereon outwardly of an internally threaded filtered oil outlet, the standard
15 and replacement oil filter canisters having substantially the same diameter with the
replacement oil filter canister having a greater length than the standard oil filter
canister to provide a greater filter capacity thereof, the replacement canister O-ring or
gasket having a greater diameter than the standard canister O-ring or gasket, the oil
filter adapter comprising:

20 a disc-shaped adapter member having an engine side and a filter side;
said engine side of said disc-shaped adapter member having an annular O-ring or
gasket groove formed therein;

an O-ring or gasket positioned in said O-ring or gasket groove of said disc-shaped adapter member which is adapted to sealably engage the oil filter receptacle:

1 said O-ring or gasket positioned in said O-ring or gasket groove of said disc-shaped
 adapter member having the same diameter as said standard canister O-ring or
 gasket;

5 said disc-shaped adapter member having an internally threaded central opening
 formed therein which extends inwardly from said engine side thereof which is
 adapted to threadably receive the externally threaded filtered oil tube of the oil
 filter receptacle;

10 said disc-shaped adapter member having an externally threaded, hollow nipple
 extending from its said filter side at the center thereof which is in
 communication with the interior of said internally threaded central opening in
 said disc-shaped adapter member;

15 the threads of said hollow nipple matching the threads of the oil outlet of the
 replacement oil filter canister;

20 said disc-shaped adapter member having a plurality of spaced-apart unfiltered oil
 passageways formed therein which extend therethrough from said engine side
 to said filter side thereof outwardly of said central opening of said disc-shaped
 adapter member;

25 said filter side of said disc-shaped adapter member having an annular seat formed
 thereon which is positioned outwardly of said hollow nipple and said unfiltered
 oil passageway thereof;

 the internally threaded filtered oil outlet of the replacement oil filter canister
 selectively threadably receiving said externally threaded hollow nipple

1 whereby the canister O-ring or gasket of the replacement oil filter canister may
be drawn into sealing engagement with said annular seat on said filter side of
said disc-shaped adapter member.

5 5. (Cancelled)

6 6. (Previously Presented) The oil filter adapter of claim 4 wherein the threads
of said internally threaded central opening of said disc-shaped adapter member are
SAE threads and the threads of said hollow nipple are metric threads.

10 7. (Previously Presented) The oil filter adapter of claim 4 wherein said
annular seat on said filter side of said disc-shaped adapter member has a width
sufficiently large enough to enable replacement oil filter canister O-rings or gaskets of
various diameters to be placed into sealing engagement therewith.

15 8. (Previously Presented) The oil filter adapter of claim 4 wherein said disc-
shaped adapter member and said hollow nipple are of one-piece construction.

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